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EDITORIALS

● MEMO TO OURSELVES

We shall have to make a note to write something every few weeks along the line of making Appomattox attractive to those visitors who come here because of the historical significance of our community. It must be stated again and again and again.

We who live here at Appomattox are custodians. Custodians of a sacred shrine, a place of peace. The links that bind our nation into one strong union were forged here in 1865, and we are charged with the responsibility of being custodians.

Something is wrong when cars loaded with visitors from distant States, drive up to the new Appomattox Court House, here in the modern town, the visitors get out and take pictures, and drive off thinking they have seen the spot where Lee and Grant met to make peace.

Something is wrong when countless cars speed by Routes 460 and 60, hurrying through to "See Virginia" and never realize that they are so near to one of the State's most precious areas.

And something is wrong when so many who do turn off and drive the short distance to "The Circle" at the Old Court House, see that and nothing more.

There is "talk" of a great program at the restored McLean House next April 9. The impression seems to be that the last minute we can ... some "big shot" to come here and "make a speech" from a temporary platform, and that will be great.

But other things are involved. Things that require long planning, and much work. And what of those who do and will visit us day in and day out, year after year? Are there not many lessons to be picked up from the way such successful handling of visitors is provided at Natural Bridge and Williamsburg? Is it not possible for visitors to be adequately directed to and guided through the historic area and be so entertained that they will direct others to "see Appomattox when you go to Virginia."

To present Appomattox properly and to make the fullest profit from legitigate commercialization, might require investment of more money than invested thus far. If so, why not? And much can be provided by volunteer guides. The important thing is to "keep pitching!"

● A LOST CAUSE?

When is a cause lost? Is it lost forever, when defeated on the field of battle? Is it lost when its supporters yield to the expediency of overwhelming odds?

Can a cause ever be lost when to the passing generations it continues a vital force?

We speak of the Confederacy as a "lost cause." And that is true if meant to indicate that arms will be borne again and the flag reborn.

But when the ideals and the traditions continue to sway the hearts of men and women, the cause lives.

Mrs. William A. Coleman, who died in a tragic automobile accident last week, was an example of the thesis that the "cause" of the Confederacy lived on after the end at Appomattox Court House. As a leader in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, she kept alive the finest spirit of the South. Active in many organizations, she will, however, be most frequently recalled as a true Southerner who devoted unstintingly of her talents, to preservation of memories of a "cause." Her very presence breathed idealism into the soul of a materialistic age. One could not talk with her, work with her, without feeling that the South would never die.

The ranks are thinning; but "the cause" endures.

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WITH OTHER EDITORS

● OF THINGS TO COME

From The Pittsylvania Tribune

What with Labor Day having come and gone and with the school bells ringing once more, we can't help but think of autumn.

Here in Virginia, anywhere in the U. S. A., or there, or nowhere in particular where time and place neither beginning nor end—that's autumn.

Autumn! When the yellow leaves of summer flutter down with soft, incessant rustle; and where the open, sprawling ploughed land of tobacco brown meets to checker the green expanse of winter wheat.

Who, in autumn, has not known long walks into the forest aisles filled with silence, yet alive with sound; how the solitary doe in a glade, sensing an alien presence, stands for a moment on the alert, only to vanish into the surrounding brush?

Who, in autumn, has never heard the sad sweet call of the elusive grouse, when startled she takes off with muffled roar; and of the first mysterious cal' of the questing owl proclaiming night beyond the darkling river, as the forest town and the world fades under the ageless stars.

Yes, autumn—and of many things to come.

● MEDICAL PROGRESS

From Roxboro Courier-Times

The progress of medical science is one phase of progress that mankind is prone, at times, to completely overlook, especially if he is well and happy. Modern medicine is accepted with light thoughts by the layman, and seldom, if ever, he realizes the victories that doctors, scientists and research workers have won over disease.

Recently two persons in New Mexico were striken with what doctors diagnosed as bubonic plague. Bubonic plague at one time was known as the Black Death, and was the scourge of Europe. At one time 68,000 persons died in London of this dread disease. To think that 68,000 persons would die hopelessly without the aid of drugs and doctors "know how"! During the years 1656 and 1665 was when the great plague hit London, and it swept away nearly a quarter of the entire population.

Still earlier, in the fourteenth century, over 25,000,000 were estimated to have died with this disease over a period of twenty years. Statistics show that over 10,000 persons have died in a single day of the bubonic plague in Constantinople.

The two persons in New Mexico with bubonic plague have been treated with modern drugs and are on the road to recovery. We are not startled at the news of their disease or recovery, and we accept it with a grain of salt.

The point to remember, in connection with this brief summary of the dreaded effects of this scourge of mankind, is that today a discovery of these cases does not arouse us. It does not arouse us because of the progress in medical science and the improvement in living standards and conditions. We are not afraid anymore, although we cannot see the progress made in medicine as we can in design—such as aircraft and automobiles—we only have to reflect back on conditions that used to exist and be thankful.

● MILLER'S SUCCESSOR

From The Roanoke Times

Wirgil J. Howard's 30 years experience in the Virginia public school system, the last three years having been spent as first assistant to G. Tyler Miller, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has been fittingly climaxed by his appointment to succeed Mr. Miller as Acting Superintendent. Miller retired to assume the post of president of Madison College.

His background and experience suggest that he is qualified in every way for the responsible position to which he was appointed. Every rural school teacher in Virginia should experience a thrill over the appointment and regard it as an incentive indicating, as it does, that any teacher in the Commonwealth may aspire through faithful service, intelligent application and ability to rise, as Mr. Howard has done, to the top office in the Department of Public Instruction.

● LARGEST TAXPAYER

From Staunton Evening Leader

Who is the largest taxpayer in Virginia? Perhaps you know. Maybe you never have thought about it. The answer is—the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. Not only is its assessment the biggest in the Old Dominion, but this year it is paying more than ever before.

There is a reason.

A news note from Richmond informs us that the heaviest annual tax bill in the history of Virginia went out Monday in the form of a statement of assessments by the State Corporation Commission. It went to the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, for many years the state's largest taxpayer, and it was for $2,552,343. The Norfolk and Western, coal carrying line, paid last year $1,835,363 in state

● UNEXPLORED FIELDS

From Tulsa Tribune

There is still plenty of room for industrial expansion in America, Charles Luckman, president of Lever Bros. Co., Cambridge, Mass., recently pointed out He said that 27,000,000 Americans have no kitchen sink, 18,000,000 no washing machines, 25,000,000 no vacuum cleaners, and 40,000,000 neither bathtub nor showers.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Sept. 13.- The children are back in school once more and we are happy to hear the bells ringing again.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes visited their children, Mrs. W. R. Jobe and family and Mrs. H. W. Brown and family at Gladstone over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Bondurant and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Baker have returned to their home in Richmond after visiting her sister, Mrs. Lula Morgan in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mrs. Melvin Stratton gave a shower at her home last Friday night for her neice, Mrs. Jean Stratton Maxey.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler and family visited Mrs. Anna Lee last week. She is in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette.

Claude Chick, of Danville spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Clyde Carson and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick had as their guests over the week- end Rev. G. E. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson, Claude Chick, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith and Anne Carson, of Lynchburg spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hurt, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Dickerson and son, Fred were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Harding have returned to their home in Norfolk after a vacation with his father, Royall Harding, Sr. and Miss Verna Harding.

Miss Frances Jennings, a nurse at the Charlottesville hospital, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Parks Jennings Saturday and Sunday.

Hope for agreement that will avoid steel strike.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Sept. 14- Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Leitner left last Friday for a two week visit with relatives in Portsmouth.

Miss Lela Mann, of Washington, is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Mann, Sr.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill Sunday were Frank Nuckles and s n, Melvin and Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Odgen and daughter, of Lynchburg. Visiting in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. John Mann and family, Mrs. John Mann, Sr. and Miss Lela Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Sr. and Gloria Ann Lewis spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Houston Chrowder, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mann and Mrs. John Mann, Sr. attended the Ferguson reunion last Sunday at the Memorial Bridge at Appomattox.

Aged Ohio Indian Fighter Thinks He'll Ask Pension

COLUMBUS, OHIO.—An 83-year-old Perry countian, who says he fought Indians in Oklahoma before there was an Oklahoma, finally has decided he'd like to have a federal pension.

James Finley of Rehobeth, a settlement a mile northeast of here, told Harlan Smith, Perry county service officer, his Indian fighting was between the years of 1882 and 1885. He said he was wounded three times by arrows, once in each hip and once in his left shoulder. He added he broke three ribs when a horse threw him.

He served with General Lyons in the ninth field artillery, he recalls.

Big trouble, Finley told Smith, is the fact his discharge papers were lost when his home burned some time ago.

Smith said the service record was needed to complete the application for pension.

Total U. S. casualties in the Spanish American War were 500 killed in battle and 2,000 dead of disease.

Almost all English sparrows in the U. S. are descended from eight pairs imported from England in 1850.

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Blind Man Names Babies At Cost of Dollar Each

MUNCIE, IND.—There is a new business for solving an old handicap.

R. B. Gifford, of this city, is blind and aging. There seemed nothing he could do; but he had a will and there was a way. Gifford took up baby-naming. He chose that, he said, because there are so many people with odd names. He used science and common sense as his "technique" in naming babies.

For 25 cents Gifford offers parents a name for their baby. If they accept his suggestion, he says, he expects them to send him 75 cents more.

"That's a pretty inexpensive way to assure a youngster a good name," he thinks.

"A person with an off sounding name often gets off on the wrong foot," he says. "Some first names don't fit the last names. Take Oswald and Lemuel. I've met dozens of men with those names and they don't pair with any surname, not even Smith."

He says off spellings of common names were impractical, also names used for either boy or girl, such as Francis and Frances.

As a general rule, he explains, short first names go best with long names, and vice versa. He detests the word "junior."

"A good name helps your personality," Gifford says.

Gifford's own name?

He insists that the "B" is an initial only. Under pressure, he admitted that his first name is "Romain."

"Horrible sounding, isn't it?" he said. "But I'm stuck with it."

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